

Minutes of Public Hearing
MARCH 21, 2019
LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER

6:00 P.M. 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget as proposed by the
Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools

6:01 PM Public Hearing Called to Order

Roll Call – Present were Councilors Cantor, Davidoff, Fay, Kerrigan, Sweeney, Wenograd, and Williams. Absent – Councilors Barnes and Dodge

Resident Comments:

1. Edward Zimmerman, 70 Ledgewood Road. – Concerned tax increase is too much. Look for ways to save money – overtime, police at road construction sites.
2. Linda DiNapoli, 214 Mohegan Drive – More people should attend public hearings on the budget. Doesn't mind paying taxes, does mind inefficiencies. Public Works needs funds for roads. Town needs to make sure they collect for police private duty and taxes. Cut areas that won't hurt residents.
3. George Kennedy, 19 Waterside Lane – Roads need work on existing potholes. Taxes are unsustainable. Seniors are hurt most and don't use as many resources as those with children. Town should consolidate schools as student population is down, spend less and consider establishing a Financial Advisory Committee to make budget recommendations, and review and consolidate programs. Consider automatic Budget Referendum.
4. Judy Allen, 25 Fowler Drive – Parts of budget are great, some not so great. Concerned about funding for Storm water drainage – are we planning for enough to pay for that? Storm water affects the streets and their maintenance – it is complex. Waste management is also important and we need to learn about how to reduce trash and recycling. Regionalism is a way to look for savings.

Public Hearing closed at 6:19. PM



Essie S. Labrot
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

APPROVED AT APRIL 15, 2019 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING